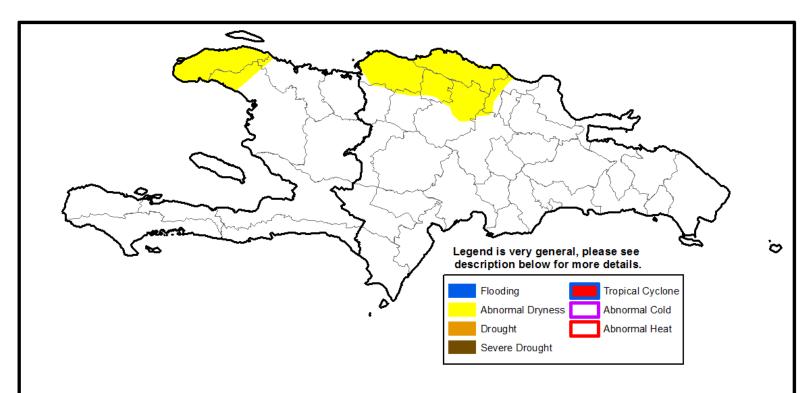


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 17 – December 23, 2015

Reduced rains received during mid-December.



Compared to the previous week, a reduction of precipitation was observed throughout Hispaniola during the last seven days. Although rainfall was generally lesser in amount, moderate to locally heavy rains were still received in northwestern Dominican Republic, with more seasonable rains felt across much of Haiti. Little to no rainfall accumulations were received in many eastern department of the Dominican Republic. Over the last 30 days, many local areas throughout the western two thirds of the island have experienced well above-average rainfall, which is expected to provide relief for many anomalously dry areas due to poor rains earlier in the summer and spring seasons. Remotely sensed vegetation indices have continued to show improvement over southern Haiti, however, unfavorable conditions are still noted in the northern departments of Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic where rains have not been as abundant. During the upcoming outlook period, a slight increase in rains is forecast for much of southern Hispaniola, with the potential for average to below-average precipitation forecast for northern Haiti.